Mental Health in Schools Community Partnership Lessons Learned

As part of the grant deliverables, we would like to hear about some of the lessons learned through your experiences working on the Mental Health in Schools Partnership. This will be showcased in a web-based companion guide upon completion of the grant requirements. We appreciate and value your honest feedback on this process, so please share unreservedly. For example, if you had great community support, this is a great venue to share. Conversely, if you had difficultly gaining administrative or parental support, please feel free to explain why, so that we may clearly depict what others may come across in following the same process. This will assist us as we begin to disseminate the work to other districts throughout the state. Thank you in advance for your hard work throughout this process and taking the time to complete the document.

The Lessons Learned Document is separated into 5 components: Data Assessment, Partners, Support, Outcomes, and Future Plans. There are a series of questions associated with each topic. Please feel free to separate your answers into the 5 components to share your process.

- I. Data Assessment: What were the tools you used? Were they user friendly? Time intensive? Was the data you received helpful? Were you able to use it and if so how did it help you? Was some of the data "disposable?" If so, what were those items?
- II. Partners: Who served as a partner to you through this process? Were they a new partner? If they were an established partner, did this process strengthen your relationship? How? Explain the process in establishing new partners. How did they respond to this grant process?
- III. Support: Did you receive support from your school? Community? Others? Please specify the positions of those who provided you with support on this initiative within the district and community. Please describe how you were able to get their support. Was it difficult or easy? Are there recommendations you can offer on ways to generate support with these various representatives? (Suggestion: create a list of supporters/positions and rate on a scale of 1-5 how supportive they were)
- IV. Outcomes: Describe some of the benefits that have come from your work on this grant. Provide any qualitative and/or quantitative data. In addition, please provide any drawbacks you experienced throughout this process.
- V. Future Plans: What are your future plans in providing services and expanding reach?